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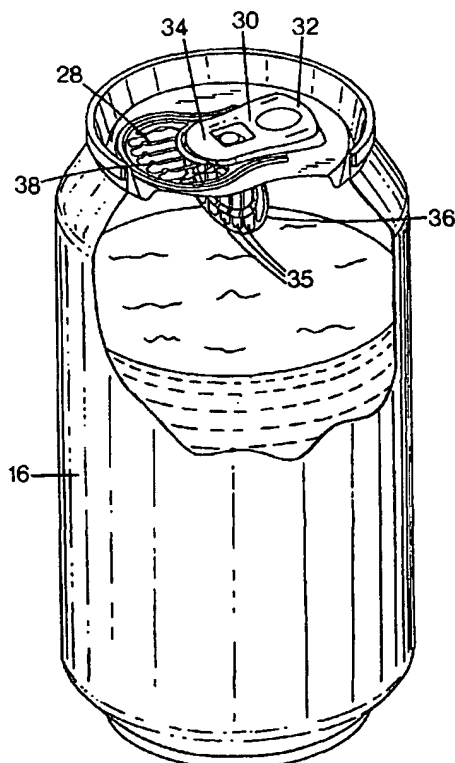
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(57) Abstract: The method is for preventing insects from entering an opening of a beverage can. The method provides for a beverage can (16) that has a lever member (30) with a handle member (32) and an engaging member (34) attached to a top surface (12) of the beverage can (16). A cover member (10) is placed on top of the top surface (12) so that a protection area (27) is placed above a weakened segment (36) of the top surface (12) and an inner opening segment (24) is placed below the engaging member (34). The protection area (27) has a plurality of pre-cut segments (35). With the protecting area (27) and the segments (35) placed on top of the weakened segment (36), the handle member (32) is lifted to move the engaging member (34) through the inner opening segment (24) to push a portion of the weakened segment (36) with the segments (35) glue thereto into the beverage can (16) and creating an opening (38) that is covered by the apertures (28) of the protection area (27) to prevent insects from getting into the can (16).

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